

**DEPARTMENT ON DISABILITY SERVICES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of the 1973, as amended, the Department on Disability Services, Rehabilitation Services Administration, hereby gives notice of a public hearing to obtain input in the development of the Rehabilitation Services Administration Title I State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the Title VI-B State Plan Supplement for Supported Employment Services.

A public hearing on the State Plan will be held on Wednesday July 9, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 5th Street, N.W., First Floor Meeting Room, to solicit input from the public. Recommendations are solicited from consumers, service providers, advocacy organizations and other interested individuals on how the agency can better achieve the following:

- Provide more help to consumers in finding employment;
- Provide more information to consumers;
- Provide better information on the vocational rehabilitation program and its processes;
- Identify barriers to employment
- Improve and expand services to minorities (African American, Latino and Asian/Pacific Islander)
- Expand services for persons with significant disabilities; and,
- Increase employer utilization of the vocational rehabilitation program.

Individuals who wish to present recommendations are limited to ten (10) minutes at the public meeting and are asked to contact the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Office of Program Development at (202) 442-8670 (Voice and TDD) before 4:45 p.m. on July 7, 2008. Please provide their name(s), address(es), telephone number(s) and organizational affiliation(s), if any. Two (2) copies of the presentation should be submitted at the time of the hearing. Individuals desiring to submit written statements for the record should mail them no later than July 7, 2008 to:

Department on Disability Services
Rehabilitation Services Administration
810 First Street, N.E.
Room 10073
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Attention: Ted M. Daniels, PhD

Audio tape recordings and/or written copies of the amendments relevant to the development of the State Plans are available at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 902 G Street, N.W.

- The State Plan can be accessed by clicking the "Draft RSA State Plan" link on the Rehabilitation Services Administration section on the Department on Disability Services website at <http://dds.dc.gov>.